

**SUMMARY:** The Applicant was discharged on October 15, 2021 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Service Characterization for Misconduct – (Serious Offense). The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of their Service Characterization.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a Record Review. The Board was conducted on November 04, 2025. The Applicant was not represented by counsel.

The attached examiner's brief (provided to applicant only), extracted from available service records, contains pertinent data regarding the circumstances and character of the Applicant's military service.

**DISCUSSION:** The Discharge Review Board (DRB), under its responsibility to examine the propriety and equity of an Applicant's discharge, is authorized to change the Characterization of Service and the Narrative Reason for discharge if such changes are warranted. If applicable, the Board can also change the Applicant's Reentry Code. In reviewing discharges, the Board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence to rebut the presumption, to include evidence submitted by the Applicant. The Board completed a thorough review of the circumstances that led to the discharge and the discharge process to determine if the discharge met the pertinent standards of equity and propriety.

The Applicant's record of service included the following documented misconduct leading up to their discharge:  
-Article 15 for engaging in a prohibited act with a recruit

The documentary evidence the Board considered as part of the review includes, but is not limited to the DD Form 293, *Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States*, and any additional documentation submitted by Applicant and/or counsel; the Applicant's personnel file from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS); and the DRB Brief detailing the Applicant's service information and a summary of the case.

The Applicant stated they are seeking an upgrade to their service characterization so they can use their VA benefits to go back to school. They stated they made a mistake due to not being in the right head space which led to their administrative discharge.

The Discharge Review Board (DRB) upheld the Applicant's discharge as proper and equitable. The Applicant, while serving as a recruiter, engaged in a sexual relationship with a recruit, resulting in her pregnancy. The Applicant then provided the recruit with funds to assist with an abortion. These actions led to an Article 15, demotion to Senior Airman (SrA), and an administrative discharge for Unprofessional Relationship by Person Serving in a Position of Trust. The Applicant submitted a conditional waiver of rights to an administrative board hearing, contingent on receiving a service characterization no less than Under Honorable Conditions (General), which was approved. The DRB found no evidence of impropriety or inequity justifying a discharge upgrade. While the Board acknowledged the current service characterization renders the Applicant ineligible for Department of Veteran Affairs education benefits, it determined this does not constitute inequity or impropriety warranting an upgrade. Consequently, the Board denied the Applicant's request to upgrade their service characterization.

Additionally, the Board considered the factors laid out in the attachment to the Under Secretary of Defense memorandum, *Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations*, dated 25 June 2018, known as the "Wilkie

Memo.” The Board considered the factors listed in paragraphs (6)(a)-(6)(l) and (7)(a)-(7)(r) of this memorandum and found no evidence of inequity or impropriety.

**FINDING AND CONCLUSION:** After a thorough review of the available evidence, to include the Applicant’s issues, summary of service, service/medical record entries, and discharge process, the Board found the discharge was proper and equitable. The DRB voted unanimously to **deny** the Applicant’s request. Therefore, the awarded Service Characterization shall remain “Under Honorable Conditions (General),” the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Misconduct – (Serious Offense), and the Reentry Code shall remain 4D. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on November 6, 2025.

Should the Applicant wish to appeal this decision, the Applicant must request a personal appearance before this Board before applying for relief to the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR). In accordance with DAFI 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records*, all Applicants before the AFBCMR must first exhaust available administrative avenues of relief before applying to the AFBCMR, otherwise their AFBCMR case will be administratively closed until such time that the Applicant avails themselves of the available avenue of relief. Therefore, should the Applicant wish to appeal this decision, they must first exercise their right to make a personal appearance before the AFDRB.

Instructions on how to appeal an AFDRB decision can be found at <https://afrbportal.azurewebsites.us>

If desired, the Applicant can request a list of the Board members and their votes by writing to:

Air Force Review Boards Agency  
Attn: Discharge Review Board  
3351 Celmers Lane  
Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762-6435

Attachment:  
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)